



Salem Election Officer Training
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Salem Civic Center

Trainers: Electoral Board – Everett Obenshain, Steve Smeltzer and Katherin A. Elam

Given the nature of the 2020 federal election during the COVID-19 pandemic, the training of officers was three times on Wednesday at 10am, 2pm and 7pm.

These training sessions allowed for all election officers to sit six feet apart and the wearing of masks was mandated. Participants signed in at all three sessions and the attendance lists were turned in to the Registrar's office the next morning.

During the 40-minute sessions, all attendees were directed to the updated election protocols. There was a review of the "what ifs" document and officials were made aware of others in the room who be in their precinct on election day. Participants reviewed the diagram to locate all ten precincts on the main floor of the Salem Civic Center.

Questions about observers, political literature, media and firearms on election day were all addressed. Additionally, information was shared about the Medical Reserve Corps taking on three hour shifts at the opening of polls, middle of the day and close of the day with sole purpose of disinfecting privacy booths and ballot scanner.

Dana Oliver, Registrar was on the phone to elaborate on write-ins and mandatory paperwork. She reminded all attendees were reminded of the dates that they could vote early so that they would not have to worry about voting themselves on election day.

The next time the electoral board will meet will be at 10am November 4 for canvassing the election results at the Registrar's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherin A. Elam, Secretary

Everette Obenshain, Jr. Chair

Steve Smeltzer, Vice Chair